

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF Art Unit: 1614
RIGASSI-DIETRICH ET AL. Michael Hartley
APPLICATION NO: 10/590,398
FILED: AUGUST 23, 2006
FOR: GALENIC FORMULATIONS OF ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

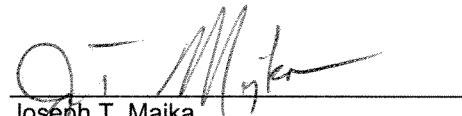
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of September 29, 2009 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on October 29, 2009. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1050 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph T. Majka
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 30570
Phone No. (862) 778-9499

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.
Patents Pharma
One Health Plaza, Building 101
East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080

Date: January 26, 2009